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Sir:

Applicant hereby requests that the enclosed information items be considered as part of the examination of the application. A list on Form PTO-1449 is attached hereto. A copy of each information item is enclosed.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3), applicant herewith submits a concise explanation of the relevance of the information items not in the English language.

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Based upon a review of Figures 1-4, French patent document 1,159,733 (information item AM) discloses a means for insulating piping having an elongated outer shell 1 covering an inner insulating layer 2, the shell being split longitudinally into arcuate halves and having flanges 3 or lips 6 for attachment of the halves together.

Based upon a review of Figures 1-3, French patent document 2,704,930 (information item AN) discloses a method of making insulating components for insulating pipes 1.

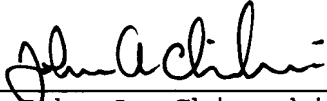
Based upon a review of Figures 1-9, French patent document 2,752,191 (information item AO) discloses a multi-layer composite material for use as insulation.

Based upon a review of Figures 1-7, German patent document 37 30 357 (information item AP) discloses means for insulating piping 8 comprising an outer shell 1 with an inner insulating layer 3 surrounding the piping 9.

Based upon a review of Figure 1, German patent document 297 06 323 (information item BL) discloses a means for insulating piping having an outer shell 3 surrounding an insulating layer 1. The insulating means is split longitudinally into halves and has a means 4, 6, 7 for attaching one half to the other.

Respectfully submitted,

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